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# Claims CIA had Moscow mole

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Washington (News Bureau)—A Central Intelligence Agency spy planted in the Soviet foreign ministry passed along "hundreds of secret documents" for two years until he was caught and committed suicide in 1977, according to a new book on Soviet intelligence.

The spy, Aleksander Dmitrevich Ogorodnik, reportedly approached the CIA in 1974 while serving in the Soviet foreign service in Bogota, Colombia, John Barron, author of "KGB Today," said.

Kathryn Riedel, a CIA spokesman, declined to comment.

The Ogorodnik case allegedly involves the first major United States agent unmasked in a key Moscow position since Soviet Col. Oleg Penkovsky was caught supplying Soviet missile secrets to the U.S. in the 1960s.

Ogorodnik took a job in the Global Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which receives sensitive political reports from Soviet

ambassadors and KGB operatives around the world, Barron said. Information Ogorodnik picked up was circulated by the CIA to the White House, National Security Council and the State Department, he added.

Barron said his information comes from a Soviet KGB defector, Stanislav Levchenko. He said the KGB eventually pinpointed the Global Affairs Department as the source of intelligence information discussed in Washington. Ogorodnik was caught using a U.S.-built miniature camera to photograph documents in the Global Affairs offices, he said.

Barron said Ogorodnik confessed immediately saying: "I knew the price I would pay if you caught me. I am prepared now to pay. I will be glad to write down everything that happened from the first day I met the CIA."

But Ogorodnik said he needed a favorite pen from his home which the KGB supplied, Barron said. The pen contained a poison capsule which Ogorodnik swallowed—and then died within seconds, said Barron.